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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3723

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Makoto KOBAYASHI et al.

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Docket No.: 109352

H. Shakeri

Group Art Unit: 3723

POLISHING PAD AND POLISHING METHOD FOR SEMI-CONDUCTOR WAFER

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

In reply to the June 17, 2003 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.

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